

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TAIPEI 07457 141032Z

20

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 OMB-01 CCO-00 OTPE-00 EB-11

FCC-03 OC-06 COME-00 NASA-04 SCI-06 SAJ-01 DRC-01

NSCE-00 /158 W

----- 130810

R 141000Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 436

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 7457

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL, TW, CH

SUBJECT: ROC REPRESENTATION ON INTELSAT

REF: TAIPEI 7456

1. FOLLOWING IS ROC MEMORANDUM HANDED DCM DECEMBER 14 BY
VICE FONMIN HSUEH (REFTTEL): BEGIN QUOTE THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INTELSAT) THE THE OBJECTIVE OF WHICH IS TO
PROVIDE A GLOBAL AND EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL TELECOMMUNICATION
SYSTEM TO ITS USERS. THE INTELSAT IS NON-POLITICAL BY NATURE,
AND HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. THE ROC SIGNED
BOTH THE INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THE SPECIAL AGREEMENT IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FEBRUARY 17, 1965 AND LATER SIGNED THE
DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS ON AUGUST 20, 1971 AND DEPOSITED
ITS INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION ON FEBRUARY 25, 1972.
ITS INVESTMENT IS NOW CLOSE TO ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND IT HAS FAITHFULLY FULFILLED ALL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TAIPEI 07457 141032Z

THE OBLIGATIONS AS PRESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENTS. THE

LEGITIMATE STATUS OF THE ROC IN THE INTELSAT AS A PARTY
AND AS A SIGNATORY SHOULD NOT BE QUESTIONED.

2. THE ROC ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF SIGNATORIES
WHICH WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 12 TO 16, 1973 IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF
PARTIES IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE ON FEBRUARY 4 TO 8, 1974
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THERE ARE
INDICATIONS THAT THE QUESTION CONCERNING THE ROC MEMBERSHIP
MAY BE RAISED AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY
OF PARTIES. IN PREPARATION FOR SUCH A CONTINGENCY, THE
ROC EARNESTLY REQUESTS THE U.S. FOR AN ALL OUT ASSISTANCE
TO DEFEND THE ROC MEMBERSHIP AND ITS CONTINUED USE OF THE
SATELLITE SYSTEM. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE ATTENTION OF THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CORDIALLY DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

4. (1) THE TWO EARTH STATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE ROC
ARE NOW CARRYING SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF CIRCUITS FOR
COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AMONG WHICH ABOUT
100 ARE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND 90 WITH JAPAN. IT
IS CALCULATED AT THE PRESENT RATE THAT THE ANNUAL
INCREASE IN THE USE OF THE CIRCUITS REACHES AS HIGH AS
70 PERCENT. THEREFORE, THE CONTINUED USE OF THE SATELLITE
SYSTEM BY THE ROC IS NOT ONLY ESSENTIAL TO ITS TRADE AND
OTHER RELATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD, BUT ALSO OF
CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. INTEREST IN VIEW OF
THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ROC AND THE
FAST GROWING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE
ROC WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT ITS CONTINUED USE OF THE
SATELLITE SYSTEM.

5. (2) THE ROC DEEPLY APPRECIATES THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT
CONSISTENTLY RENDERED BY THE U.S. TO THE INTERNATIONAL
POSITION OF THE ROC. IN THE PRESENT CASE, THE ROC RECALLS
WITH GRATITUDE THE EXPRESSION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO WORK
WITH THE ROC IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE LEGITIMATE
RIGHTS OF THE ROC ARE PRESERVED IN INTELSAT, AS CONTAINED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TAIPEI 07457 141032Z

IN THE U.S. AIDE MEMOIRE OF NOVEMBER 11, 1972 DELIVERED
TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOLLOWING THE TALKS
BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN.

6. IT IS HOPED THAT THE U.S. WILL GIVE URGENT
CONSIDERATION TO THE ABOVE REQUEST OF THE ROC AND
TAKE NECESSARY STEPS ACCORDINGLY.

DECEMBER 14, 1973 END QUOTE.

MCCONAUGHY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TELECOMMUNICATION, MEMBERSHIP, EXPULSION, FOREIGN RELATIONS, COMMUNICATION SATELLITES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973TAIPEI07457
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: TAIPEI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731223/aaaaaqvc.tel
Line Count: 117
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: TAIPEI 7456
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 JUL 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27-Jul-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <14-Dec-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ROC REPRESENTATION ON INTEL SAT
TAGS: ETEL, TW, CH, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005